



LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON OCEANIC RESEARCH (SCOR) AND THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA (ICES)

PARTIES

The parties to this Agreement are the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR), Delaware, USA, and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), Copenhagen, Denmark.

1. **SCOR.** The Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research is an international non-governmental non-profit organization promoting international cooperation in planning and conducting oceanographic research, solving methodological and conceptual problems that hinder research, and conducting several different activities to build the capacity for ocean science;

2. **ICES.** The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea is a global intergovernmental organization that develops and provides unbiased, non-political science and advice for decision-makers to support the sustainable use of the marine environment and its living resources. ICES is committed to advancing and sharing scientific understanding of marine ecosystems and the services they provide and to use this knowledge to generate state-of-the-art advice for meeting conservation, management, and sustainability goals;

PURPOSE

This Letter of Agreement aims at furthering synergies through collaboration between SCOR and ICES based on their mutual interest in:

- Enhancing the working collaboration between SCOR and ICES and establishing and maintaining collaborations with other international organisations with related goals,
- Supporting international cooperation of marine scientists through working groups, workshops, symposia, and infrastructural and research projects,
- Facilitating capacity development, including the professional development of early career scientists through scientific collaboration, training opportunities, and travel grants, and
- Furthering synergistic opportunities through the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development activities, and especially together with the North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES) through the joint ICES/PICES Ocean Decade programme SMARTNET.

SCOR and ICES have therefore agreed to the following:

ARTICLE 1: This Agreement will provide a framework for SCOR and ICES to promote cooperative activities in marine science research between both organizations.

ARTICLE 2: The proposed objectives to implement this Agreement are to:

Establish cooperation on relevant science topics and increase exchange and cooperation between SCOR and ICES working groups;

- a) Invite reciprocal representation of SCOR and ICES representatives at their annual meetings; and
- b) Establish cooperation in capacity development activities.

Science topics of common interest for both parties include (but are not limited to): Physical, Chemical, and Biological Oceanography; Harmful Algal Blooms; Contaminants, Marine Litter, Observing Systems, and Omics.

ARTICLE 3: This Agreement neither binds SCOR nor ICES to provide funds or other resources, of their own property or that of others, nor does it impede the signing of similar agreements with other organizations. Both SCOR and ICES may request financial support from third parties, in a joint or individual manner, to proceed with the cooperation projects and activities.

ARTICLE 4: The validity of this Agreement is five (5) years, starting at the date of signature, unless earlier terminated by either of the parties via a written notice. This Agreement may be renewed, upon written agreement of both parties.

ARTICLE 5: No addition, variation or alteration of this Agreement shall be valid unless countersigned by both parties and incorporated in writing to the agreement.

ARTICLE 6: In the case of reservations or controversies in the application, execution, or interpretation of this Agreement, such are to be solved by mutual agreement between both organizations.

ARTICLE 7. Any notice or other communication to SCOR under this Agreement shall be in writing to the SCOR Secretariat (secretariat@scor-int.org) and addressed to the SCOR Executive Director, College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment; 003 Robinson Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716, USA.

ARTICLE 8. Any notice or other communication to ICES under this Agreement shall be in writing to the ICES Secretariat (info@ices.dk) and addressed to the ICES President, H. C. Andersens Boulevard 44-46, DK 1553 Copenhagen V, Denmark.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON OCEANIC RESEARCH (SCOR)

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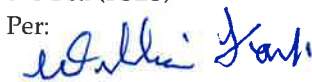
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Title: SCOR Executive Director

Date: 27 June 2022

International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

Per:



Print Name: William (Bill) Karp

Title: ICES President

Date: 27 June 2022